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# West Germany's Green Menace

BONN—While American and West German leaders scramble to find a consensus on new defensive missiles for NATO, the Green Party is escalating its emotional peace rhetoric for the March 6 election by taking dead aim on Uncle Sam.

Employing language that drips anti-Yankee venom and reads like a tract from Soviet Communist Party boss Yuri Andropov, the "peace manifesto" of the Greens leaves no doubt where the European peace movement is headed. West Germany, say the Greens, must deny its territory to "the power-seeking and offensive strategies of the USA and . . . use every means to leave NATO and represent her own interest against the USA."

What gives such sentiments importance is the fact that the Greens and their aspirations may get into the West German Bundestag (parliament) after the March 6 election. To do so, they need 5 percent of the national vote. Late polls show them slightly over that mark.

But even if they fall short, their impact on this portentous and unhappy campaign has been profound; their rising role in German politics will menace the future.

No political party in the conventional sense, the Greens are anarchic in their organization and stunningly naive in their historical view of the East-West struggle.

To Petra Kelly, the fiery 35-year-old leader and chief spokesman for the Greens, the Soviet-ordered destruction of Poland's Solidarity movement is no different than the "American-backed" military "takeover" in Turkey. "I didn't hear you yelling about Turkey," she scolded us in her party headquarters in a comfortable Bonn residential district.

Kelly, who lived for several years in the United States with her mother and American-born stepfather, was described on a recent cover of the London Sunday Times magazine as "the wail at the heart of the revolution." Her revolution has familiar bedfellows. At a peace rally next weekend in Nuremberg, called "The International Tribunal Against First Strike and Mass Destruction Weapons," she told us that among the principal speakers would be Daniel Ellsberg, Father Philip Berrigan and Philip Agee, the CIA turncoat wanted by American authorities.

The Soviet Union, she said, is sending two high-ranking officers and a writer. Invitations to the U.S. government were regretted except, she said, for "unofficial observers."

The post-election calendar of Kelly and the Greens is filled with international "peace" meetings and anti-nuclear "strikes." Their purpose is to build sentiment for massive popular demonstrations that have a single objective: block both the site preparation and the installation of the new Pershing II missiles supposedly due for deployment at the end of the year if the United States and the Soviets fail to reach agreement in the Geneva talks.

The rationale of the Greens is as uncomplicated as it is unnerving: Soviet deployment of nearly 350 SS-20 medium-range missiles, each with three warheads, targeted on Western Europe poses "no" threat to the West. Kelly believes, or says she does, that the NATO decision to balance this force with new Pershings and cruise missiles threatens Moscow in the same way that the United States was threatened when the Russians put medium-range missiles in Cuba in 1962.

Although the Greens occasionally do criticize the Soviets for Poland and Afghanistan, that nod to reality seems almost a second thought and is always linked to American policy in Chile and El Salvador. Indeed, the "peace manifesto" blames President Reagan's rearmament program for forcing the Soviets to "keep even" by installing their SS20s.

For Andropov, the Greens are supplying high-octane motive power to the Soviet "peace campaign" now raging across Europe. Although Kelly and the Greens belatedly woke to the danger of communist penetration of their chaotic party structure and have tried to stop

it, their rhetoric sings with the peace-front refrains trumpeting out of the World Peace Council, that enduring communist front based in Helsinki. Their manifesto dilutes what it calls "the West's criticism of Soviet power politics" by saying that the criticism "comes from, of all countries, one which was waged the most horrendous of all colonial wars . . . and which wanted to bomb the Vietnamese 'back to the Stone Age.'"

That such political tripe may be granted a voice in the parliament of the most important U.S. ally advertises the fatigue that has set in here and defines the crisis in the alliance. Even if they fall short, the Greens have already gravely weakened the backbone of the ruling Christian Democrats and their Social Democratic rivals who, while in power in 1977, themselves sounded the initial demand that new nuclear weapons be placed on the soil of West Germany.

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